

Bus Driver Driver Safety

A bus driver's priority is to get passengers from one place to the next safely. To do that, it's important to put safety guidelines in place to protect drivers and passengers.

Safety Rules

- Employees must wear seat belts when driving on company business.
- Report to work free from the aftereffects of drugs or alcohol.
- Do not drive school buses or vehicles when fatigued.
- Report incidents or injuries in writing immediately.
- Report all security threats in writing by the end of the work day.
- Use three-point contact when entering and exiting school buses, as well as when mounting or dismounting any part of the bus.
- Perform a written bus safety inspection prior to driving each day.
- Do not jump from any part of the bus.
- Clean up spills or hazards that could cause a slip, trip or fall.
- Make sure bus steps are clean and dry.
- When cleaning the windshield, use a long-handled tool, and do not stand on tires or the engine.
- Use both hands to tilt the hood as one-handed operation could cause a shoulder injury.
- All glass and mirrors should be clean before driving.
- Do not tailgate other motorists.
- Do not use cell phones or other mobile devices while driving.
- Do not drive distracted.
- Maintain a safe speed and follow posted speed limits.
- Park the bus in a manner to reduce the need to back.
- Back the vehicle at walking speed only.
- Maintain an accident documentation kit, a dry chemical fire extinguisher and stocked first aid kit within the bus.

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